

Finance and Commerce

TRUST COMPANY MAY REORGANIZE

United States Stockholders
Considering Resumption of
Business Following Sales.

N. Y. PRICES IMPROVE

H. B. F. MacFarland Writes Secretary
McAdoo in Behalf of Capital as
Federal Reserve City.

of the people, publicists and other public men, together with representative bankers of all the States of the Union, are of course in Washington from time to time and would have opportunities in the operation of a Federal reserve bank, to examine the workings of the system.

The business reasons given by the clearing house committee of the Federal reserve board will, of course, commend themselves to your business judgment and need not be emphasized by me.

"Yours, very respectfully,

"H. B. F. MACFARLAND."

"W. H. A. Vining Trust."

The managing committee of the voting trust of the Washington, Baltimore & Annapolis Electric Railway Company, composed of George T. Bishop, George R. Sheldon and Frank H. Ginn, will exhort its delegation on April 1, and members of the stockholders are now asking stockholders to extend the agreement to April 3, 1915, stating that such extension will be for the best interests of the stockholders.

The report of the committee to February is as follows:

	1914	Change
Gross operating revenue	\$50,000 Inc. \$4,300	
Operating expenses	33,750 Inc. 1,000	
Net operating revenue	\$16,250 Inc. \$1,300	
Net income	10,875 Inc. 2,300	
Def. after taxes, etc., etc.	\$4,147 Inc. \$8,665	
Gross operating revenue	\$10,000 Inc. \$10,000	
Operating expenses	7,100 Inc. 5,500	
Net operating revenue	\$2,900 Inc. 1,500	
Gross income	1,800 Inc. 1,000	
Net deficit	\$4,333 Inc. \$8,665	

Census monthly report on consumption cotton by United States mills due yesterday was postponed until March 20.

A savings department will be opened by the Second National Bank.

Union Trust Declares Dividend.

At the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Union Trust Company, held March 10, a quarterly dividend of 11-1/2 per cent was declared, payable April 15, 1914, to stockholders of record April 1, 1914, the books for the transfer of stock to be closed April 1 to April 14, 1914, both days inclusive.

Returns from the copper and steel trades were unexpectedly good.

The weakness of Chesapeake and Ohio was due to the fact that the Circuit Court had handed down a decision at Columbus ordering dissolution of the soft coal trust.

Hocking Valley, Chesapeake and Ohio, and Lake Shore railroads are given sixty days in which to dispose of their holdings. Standard Creek Coal Company upon payment of having a receiver or commissioner appointed at end of that period to make the sale.

It was ordered that either the interest of Chesapeake and Ohio in Kanawha and Michigan be purchased by Lake Shore at once or interest of both companies be sold absolutely.

Local Stock Market.

Trading in the Washington Stock Exchange yesterday was confined to the stock department.

Ten shares of Commercial National Bank stock sold at \$15, and a bid was made for more of the stock at \$16.

Railway companies brought \$8 for 25 shares and \$7-1/2 for 25 shares. Twenty-five shares of Capital Tract brought 10.

Eight shares of Mergenthaler sold at \$15-1/2, 2 for \$15-1/2. One share of Lanston brought \$1-1/2.

MacFarland Writes McAdoo.

The Secretary of the Treasury yesterday received from H. B. F. MacFarland an exceptionally strong letter in favor of Washington's being selected as one of the Federal reserve cities.

The letter is as follows:

"To the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C.:

"Sir: As a citizen of the National Capital deeply interested in its welfare, and for ten years its official servant as president of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, I desire to add my hearty endorsement to the petition of the Washington, District of Columbia, Clearing House Committee before the Federal reserve bank here cannot be granted on the basis of the volume of business transacted, for this is not a commercial or manufacturing center, and moreover, other cities in the proposed Federal reserve district outlined to you by the clearing-house committee, have a much larger population as well as greater trade.

"I shall not take up time by recapitulating in detail the reasons so well presented by the argument of the clearing-house committee before the Federal reserve bank organization committee, but permit me to say that the chief reasons are those arising out of the unique character of the Federal city.

"I hope that the friends of the different banking institutions in the District of Columbia amount in round numbers, to \$65,000,000, and that that fact was not brought to your attention by the clearing-house committee; and that all the other facts indicating the comparatively large business of the banking institutions and therefore, their sound character and administrative administration, are just as important. But it seems to me that the Federal reserve bank here cannot be granted on the basis of the volume of business transacted, for this is not a commercial or manufacturing center, and moreover, other cities in the proposed Federal reserve district outlined to you by the clearing-house committee, have a much larger population as well as greater trade.

"But neither Philadelphia, Baltimore, nor any other city of the United States, has the special reasons for the location of a reserve bank which are presented by the peculiar characteristics of the National Capital.

"First of all, this reserve bank here would be continuously and immediately under the personal direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, which, I am sure, is a great advantage, and could derive knowledge that might be applied to improve the entire system. Such a bank might also be a model to other banks of the system because of the very personal supervision that might be given it.

"The Federal reserve bank in Washington, in direct daily contact and dealing with the Treasury Department, would have a dual value as depository of public money, not only because of its being directly under the supervision of the Secretary of the Treasury, but also because it might be used by the member banks, by the other Federal reserve banks, and by the Treasury Department itself, to perform valuable services in connection with the transfer of funds to and from Washington.

"The absolute sovereignty, exclusive and supreme, of the national government over the National Capital obviously gives the proposed reserve bank here entire freedom from any possible question of conflicting laws or precedents.

"The only other reason that I shall mention is the presence here of the ambassadors and ministers of the other nations of the world, all of which will watch the operation of the new system with the closest attention in view of its novel features. Other official and unofficial representatives of foreign countries coming to Washington to study the functions of our government must also be considered. In all these cases it would be advantageous to have here a Federal reserve bank in a high state of efficiency as an example of the purpose of the act of Congress.

"Senators and Representatives in Congress, and other official representatives

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Burnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co.

New York, March 14.—Low, Close.

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